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SUBJECT: SHEN CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY PORTER.

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1. SUMMARY: ROC AMBASSADOR SHEN WHO HAD SUCCESSIVELY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SEEING THE SECRETARY AND ACTING SECRETARY, WAS INVITED IN MAY 21 BY UNDERSECRETARY PORTER.

SHEN STATED HE HAD WISHED TO EXPRESS, IN WAKE OF HIS TAIPEI CONSULTATION LAST MONTH, THE POSITION OF PREMIER CHIANG CHING- KUO THAT BASIC ROC POLICY AND ORIENTATION WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED. UNDERSECRETARY PORTER TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS US CONCERN ABOUT REPORTS THAT ROC CONSULAR AND DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL HAD ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO PROTEST ESTABLISHMENT PRC LIAISON OFFICE. HE CITED DEMONSTRATION OF MAY 13 AND ASKED SHEN TO CONDUCT HIS OWN INVESTIGATION OF ALL ROC OFFICIAL INVOLVEMENT. SHEN REITERATED ROC CONCERNS EXPRESSED REFTEL THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS REFERRED TO AS TAIWAN RATHER THAN ROC IN PRESIDENT' S ANNUAL REPORT.

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2. AMBASSADOR JAMES SHEN BEGAN MEETING WITH UNDERSECRETARY PORTER BY REPORTING ON HIS RECENT CONSULTATION IN TAIPEI. SHEN STATED HE STILL HOPED TO SEE SECRETARY ROGERS WHEN LATTER AVAILABLE, TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN TAIPEI AND CURRENT VIEWS OF PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO.

SHEN DESCRIBED SITUATION IN TAIPEI AS ONE OF "OUTWARD CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE" AND INCREASED SENSE OF SOLIDARITY BETWEEN TAIWANESE AND MAINLANDERS. FOUR BASIC ASPECTS OF ROC POLICY WOULD REMAIN UNCHANGED: (1) GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT CHANGE ITS STRUCTURE, TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OR NAME; (2) BASIC GOALS, SUCH AS RESTORATION OF FREEDOM IN ALL CHINA WOULD NOT CHANGE; (3) TAIWAN WOULD REMAIN PART OF FREE WORLD AND INTENDS TO PERFECT ITS DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS; (4) ROC HAD NO INTENTION OF DEALING WITH CHINESE COMMUNISTS, SINCE ROC PAST EXPERIENCES VERY BITTER IN THIS REGARD.

3. UNDERSECRETARY PORTER STATED HE HAD WISHED TO SEE SHEN ON QUESTION OF ROC POSTURE TOWARD PRC PERSONNEL IN US. HE REMINDED SHEN OF MANY PAST ASSURANCES THAT ROC WOULD NOT INTERFERE IN ANY WAY WITH PRC PERSONNEL OR PRC LIAISON OFFICE ACTIVITIES IN US. HE MENTIONED IN PASSING SHEN'S ASSURANCES TO ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL ON APRIL 13, DURING A DISCUSSION OF ROC REQUEST TO OPEN TWO ADDITIONAL CONSULAR OFFICES IN US. SHEN AGREED, SAYING HE HAD BEEN ASKED FOR ASSURANCES THAT ROC OFFICIALS WOULD DO NOTHING TO EMBARRASS THOSE OF PRC. HE HAD SAID "OF COURSE NOT".

4. UNDERSECRETARY PORTER STATED THAT UNFORTUNATELY US HAD EVIDENCE INDICATING ROC DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PERSONNEL WERE INVOLVED IN ORGANIZING MAY 13 DEMONSTRATION, AND ASKED AMBASSADOR SHEN TO UNDERTAKE HIS OWN INVESTIGATION OF ALL ACTIONS BY ROC PERSONNEL IN THAT REGARD. THE US WAS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING A FULL INVESTIGATION OF MATTER, AND WE WISHED TO BE SURE THAT AMBASSADOR SHEN HAD RESULTS OF HIS OWN INVESTIGATION. UNDERSECRETARY REFERRED TO PRESS ACCOUNT OF STATEMENTS BY ROC DIPLOMATIC DEPENDENTS.

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5. UNDERSECRETARY ALSO MENTIONED DANGER THAT SOME ONE INDIVIDUAL MIGHT BE ENCOURAGED TO RASH ACTION BY ROC EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE PROTEST. THIS COULD BE MOST DETRIMENTAL TO ROC INTERESTS. US IS COMMITTED TO PROTECTING PRC PERSONNEL IN US AND MUST TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS.

6. SHEN AGREED IN IMPROPRIETY OF ROC OFFICIALS BEING PERSONALLY INVOLVED AND SAID " I SHALL LOOK INTO MATTER". HE SAID THAT HE " HAD WARNED MY PEOPLE THAT THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE PARTICIPATED", BUT WENT ON TO DESCRIBE STRONG ANTI- COMMUNIST FEELINGS AMONG CHINESE COMMUNITY IN US AND SAID ROC EMBASSY COULD NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR OPINIONS OR ACTIONS OF ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

7. UNDERSECRETARY PORTER SAID US HAD DIRECT INFORMATION ON PARTICIPATION OF OFFICIAL ROC PERSONNEL, NOT JUST DEPENDENTS. USG HAD INFORMATION TO INDICATE THAT MAY 13 DEMONSTRATION HAD OFFICIAL ROC ENCOURAGEMENT-- WHETHER THIS WAS WITH OR WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM AMBASSADOR SHEN, HE WAS NOT SAYING. DESPITE SERIOUSNESS OF PROBLEM, UNDERSECRETARY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ROC WOULD UNDERSTAND US OBJECTIVE NOT ONLY PROTECTION OF PRC OFFICIALS BUT ALSO MAINTENANCE OF TRADITIONALLY GOOD RELATIONS WITH ROC. IN PAST USG HAD OVERLOOKED MANY ROC ACTIVITIES IN US, BUT WOULD BE UNABLE IN FUTURE TO OVERLOOK ACTIONS AGAINST PRC OFFICIALS HERE. GIVEN STRONG ANTI- COMMUNIST FEELINGS OF CHINESE IN US, SHEN STATED, " THEY DON' T NEED ANY COACHING" FROM ROC. " PERHAPS THEY GOT SOME ANYWAY", UNDERSECRETARY RESPONDED. DEPARTMENT WOULD BE AWAITING A REPORT FROM SHEN ON MATTER OF DEMONSTRATION.

8. SHEN MENTIONED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED PRESIDENT' S STATE OF WORLD MESSAGE WITH ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL RECENTLY, EXPRESSING ROC CONCERN THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN REFERRED TO BY ITS PROPER NAME IN MAIN SECTION OF PRESIDENT' S REPORT. " THE PAPERS IN TAIPEI WENT TO TOWN ON THIS ISSUE", SHEN ADDED. UNDERSECRETARY RESPONDED THAT ROC REFERRED TO BY NAME SEVERAL TIMES IN SECRETARY' S REPORT, ALTHOUGH ONLY ONCE IN PRESIDENT' S SHORTER REPORT.

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MATTER SHOULD BE SEEN IN TOTAL CONTEXT. AS SHEN AWARE, UNDERSECRETARY ADDED, USG CONTINUES TO USE TERM REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN ALL DAY- TO- DAY DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE.

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